

commentletters - comments

Public Comment
Landscape Irrigation GP
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Good Afternoon,

I read the recently submitted draft to CVWD about the recycle water program. I concerns me on some of the things that were placed into this document.

Being a Golf Course Superintendent for Avondale Golf Club here in Palm Desert my Club is behind us becoming part of the solution in saving our water resources and has been working over the past couple of years with the implementation of the Mid Valley program. After reading the monitoring requirements, the proximity to houses and the potential drift legal issues, and not lastly the part that states our employees must not even make contact with the recycle water limits our abilities to even use this water. There were even sections in there that stated that we were only allow to use the water during the night (which goes against our overseeding process) and that the course had to be dry before contact with the public (which would be impossible to determine if in the morning it was dew or recycle water).

Between the daily monitoring and these issues we cannot find a way that the golf course could use this water without a potential grave financial burden to the golf club itself. During these trying times wording this document in this manner will greatly limit or even eliminate it's use in the Valley where this water is much needed.

I hear all the time how safe this water is ... well is it? If it is safe from the source these overriding issues should not be in the document describing its use. After reading that any contact would be considered unsafe why would anyone want the liability for using this water.

Please reconsider that phrasing in the document and work with the end users such as golf courses before passing these laws.

Thank You
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